

proposal is developed, the Coast Guard will prepare a request for OMB approval of any collection-of-information requirements.

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this advance notice under the principles and criteria contained in E.O. 12612. From the information available at this time, the Coast Guard cannot determine whether this potential rulemaking would have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. If and when a specific regulatory proposal is developed, the Coast Guard will address any federalism issues.

Unfunded Mandates

Under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act [Pub. L. 104-4], the Coast Guard must consider whether this potential rulemaking would result in an annual expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, or by the private sector, in the aggregate of \$100 million (adjusted annually for inflation). The Act also requires (in Section 205) that the Coast Guard identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and, from those alternatives, select the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objective.

The Coast Guard will address unfunded mandate issues as part of the cost-benefit analysis. Any information you can provide regarding unfunded mandate issues related to this proposal would be useful.

Environment

The Coast Guard has concluded that it is premature to make an assessment of environmental impact of any rules that might be adopted because no specific action is proposed at this time. The Coast Guard will conduct any required environmental assessment and appropriate documentation in accordance with Commandant Instruction M16475.1B before publication of any notice of proposed rulemaking. The Coast Guard invites

comments addressing possible effects that this potential rulemaking may have on the environment or addressing possible inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative determinations relating to the environment.

Dated: November 20, 1998.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-194, RM-9360]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Jewett and Windham, NY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by the Ridgefield Broadcasting Corporation seeking the reallocation of Channel 250A from Jewett to Windham, NY, as the community's first local aural service, and the modification of Station WAXK's construction permit to specify Windham as its community of license. Channel 250A can be allotted to Windham in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 3.6 kilometers (2.3 miles) northwest, at coordinates 42-20-12 North Latitude and 74-16-19 West Longitude, to accommodate petitioner's desired transmitter site. Canadian concurrence in the allotment at Windham is required since the community is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 4, 1999, and reply comments on or before January 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Dennis Jackson, President, Ridgefield Broadcasting Corporation, 19 Boas Lane, Wilton, CT 06897-1301 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-194, adopted November 4, 1998, and released November 13, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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